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SUBJ: MALI/UPPER VOLTA BORDER DISPUTE

1. WHEN I CALLED ON PRESIDENT LAMIZANA THIS MORNING, I ASKED HIM WHAT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN SETTLEMENT OF BORDER DISPUTE BETWEEN MALI AND UPPER VOLTA. HE SAID THAT, BECAUSE OF RAINY SEASON, THERE HAD BEEN LITTLE PROGRESS. LOME MEDIATION COMMISSION HAD RECENTLY SENT A PLANE TO MAKE AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE DISPUTED AREA. NEUTRAL COMMISSION WOULD PRESUMABLY MEET SHORTLY AND GO TO CONTESTED AREA FOR ON-THE-SPOT OBSERVATIONS. RECOMMENDATIONS OF NEUTRAL COMMISSION WOULD THEN BE REVIEWED BY HEADS OF STATES BUT, SINCE PRESIDENT SENGHOR WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL END OF NOVEMBER, HEADS OF STATES WOULD PROBABLY NOT MEET UNTIL EARLY DECEMBER. LAMIZANA ADDED THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT FINAL SETTLEMENT UNTIL JANUARY 1976.

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2. PRESIDENT SAID, HOWEVER, THAT SITUATION WAS VERY

PEACEFUL AND THAT THERE WAS NO DANGER OF RENEWED
HOSTILITIES. ROAD TO MALI THROUGH BORDER POINT AT
FARAMANA HAD BEEN OFFICIALLY OPENED TO ALL TRAFFIC.
OTHER BORDER POINTS WERE NOT OFFICIALLY OPEN BUT THERE
WAS A GREAT DEAL OF TRAFFIC GOING THROUGH THEM AND GOUV
HAD DECIDED TO CLOSE ITS EYES AND LET THE TRAFFIC GO.
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